

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



MEMORANDUM

TO: Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor
Dan Tangherlini, City Administrator

FROM: Kevin Donahue, CapStat Director

DATE: October 30, 2007

SUBJECT: Action Items from Special Education Transportation CapStat Session 10.30.07

On October 30, 2007, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty conducted a **CapStat Accountability Session on Special Education Transportation**. This memo identifies specific action items committed to during the session.

Office of the State Superintendent of Education

1. Identify actions that need to occur to move out of court oversight and put timeframes on those actions. **(Jointly with EOM-GC. Deadline: November 2, 2007)**
2. Identify ways to reduce the number of hearings that occur for special education. **(Deadline: November 14, 2007)**
3. Convey OSSE plan to optimize use of private transport (parental transport), especially for 1-student routes. **((Deadline: November 14, 2007)**
4. Provide recommendations for tightening transport requirements. **(Deadline: November 14, 2007)**
5. Provide report on improving compliance with IEP requirements to reduce private placements. **(Deadline: November 30, 2007)**

Office of the City Administrator

6. Provide status of transportation division's compliance with 21 transportation-related exit criteria for the *Petties* case. **(With input from Transportation Administrator. Deadline: November 7, 2007)**

Child and Family Services Administration

7. Convey action plan to reduce the number of children in the CFSA system who are placed outside the District. **(Deadline: November 7, 2007)**

Department of Education

8. Look at data and practices from Boston to see how they build capacity inside the school system for special education and manage transport of students. **(Deadline: November 14, 2007)**

DC Public Schools

9. Examine how more children who currently ride special education school buses could be made travel ready for Metro, and explore MetroAccess as an option for transporting special education students. **(Jointly with: OCA/DDOT. Deadline: November 14, 2007)**

Office of the Attorney General

10. Provide cross-case report on exit criteria/case requirements for three special education-related cases (*Blackman-Jones*, *Petties*, and *JV v Vance*). **(Deadline: November 30, 2007)**

Anticipated follow-up CapStat: November 30, 2007

Please send all follow-up items to Noah Wepman, Office of the City Administrator.